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The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on development of a knowledge base for geospatial information, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the global geospatial information community, under the coordination of the Committee of Experts, in developing a road map for building a knowledge base for geospatial information.

Summary of the report

At its second session, held in August 2012, the Committee of Experts welcomed a proposal to create a knowledge base for geospatial information (see E/2012/46, decision 2/105). The report summarizes the activities carried out since the second session of the Committee of Experts and outlines the actions to be undertaken to create a searchable repository that can be continuously updated and that will build upon the existing resources of the Committee of Experts website. The report highlights a study of the best practices/case studies compiled by Member States to illustrate the successful use of geospatial information in their organizations; and three survey-based studies, on the status of national geospatial information management and systems, on global geodetic information management, and on the status of mapping in the world. The information collected from the surveys will be used to develop country profiles, good practices and lessons learned in the dissemination and use of geospatial data and will be made accessible through the geospatial information knowledge base.

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